
APRIL 16, 1806.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

A Bill,

Adding to and amending the different acts of February twenty-seventh, and March third, eighteen hundred and one, and May third, eighteen hundred and two, "concerning the district of Columbia," and the act of March third, eighteen hundred and five, intituled "An act to amend the charter of George-town."



1 Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the*
2 *United States of America, in congress assembled,* That the jurisdic-
3 tion of the corporation of George-town, shall in future extend to
4 the following boundary lines: from the mouth of Rock creek, along
5 the creek upward, to the mouth of a small branch of the said creek,
6 upon its right bank, near Rowles' mill dam, called Deep branch;
7 thence along the said branch, upward, being a course generally
8 north-west, to the point at which the small stream running from the
9 tan-yard, at present owned and occupied by Thomas Hyde, joins
10 the said branch; thence along the main stream of the said branch
11 of Rock creek, upward, being a course inclining north-east, to the
12 point at which the line constituting the present northern boundary
13 of the corporation when extended to the same rectilinear course to

14 the said branch shall intersect it from that point of intersection by a
 15 right line co-inciding with the said northern boundary, to a small
 16 stream called Mill branch, which runs by a course nearly south,
 17 into the Potomac, and along the said stream to its junction with
 18 the Potomac.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the powers and duties
 2 of the justices of the peace of the county of Washington, as jus-
 3 tices of the levy-court, or commissioners of the county, but not as
 4 conservators of the peace or individual magistrates, shall, in future,
 5 be confined within the local limits of the corporate jurisdiction in
 6 which they have fixed residence at the time, if such residence be in
 7 the city of Washington or in George-town, and within the limits of
 8 the county of Washington, exclusive of the city and of George-
 9 town, if such residence be in the country part of the county of
 10 Washington; the special function hereinafter prescribed and pro-
 11 vided for, excepted.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the justices of the
 2 peace already appointed, and hereafter to be appointed by the
 3 president of the United States, for the county of Washington,
 4 pursuant to the eleventh section of the act, intituled, "An act con-
 5 cerning the district of Columbia, shall henceforward constitute
 6 separate and distinct levy-courts for the City of Washington,
 7 for George-town, and for the country part of the county of Wash-
 8 ington exclusive of the city and of George-town, according as
 9 the said justices may have fixed residence at the time within the
 10 limits of either, and the said levy-court shall severally possess and

11 exercise the same powers and perform the same duties within their
 12 respective limits, which the levy-court for the county of Washing-
 13 ton now possesses, exercises, and performs ; and the clerks and col-
 14 lectors to be by each appointed, shall be subject to the same laws,
 15 perform the same duties, possess the same powers, and receive the
 16 same fees, and like proportionate emoluments as the clerks and col-
 17 lectors employed by the existing levy-court, are entitled to receive ;
 18 and any three of the said justices, having fixed residence at the time
 19 in the city, in Georgetown, or in the country, shall constitute a quo-
 20 rum of the levy-court for that place, or for the country, as it may be.

1 *Sec. 4. And be it further enacted,* That the city of Washington,
 2 Georgetown, and the country part of the county of Washington,
 3 shall henceforward bear separately the charge of the maintenance
 4 and care of the sick and disabled poor, resident within the respec-
 5 tive limits of each ; and all other corporation or county charges
 6 whatsoever, except such as are herein provided for, which shall be
 7 jointly defrayed according to apportionment made in the manner
 8 herein prescribed.

1 *Sec. 5. And be it further enacted,* That the justices of the peace
 2 having fixed residence in the city of Washington, in Georgetown,
 3 or in the country part of the county of Washington, exclusive of
 4 both, shall every year, individually, by certificate under their hands
 5 attested, or collectively, in such manner, and at such time, in each
 6 place, as may be convenient, select from each of their respective bo-
 7 dies, three of their number, who shall all together, or at least two
 8 from each levy-court jurisdiction, together, meet as often as may be

9 requisite, shall appoint their clerk, and shall constitute a general
10 levy-court, or board of commissioners, for the whole county of
11 Washington, including the city and Georgetown ; the duties of which
12 shall be, to determine what sums shall be levied upon the city of
13 Washington, upon Georgetown, and upon the country part of the
14 county of Washington, by the separate levy-courts of each, for the
15 purpose of defraying their just proportions of the expense of sup-
16 porting the orphan's court, the office of register of wills, the clerk's
17 office, with all necessary provision for the safe keeping of records,
18 the jail, if at any time the fees should become deficient for that
19 purpose; of laying off, making and repairing convenient roads
20 through the county without the city and Georgetown, and also of
21 the compensation of the clerk of this court, all of which shall be
22 subjects of general charge besides such other subjects as two thirds
23 of the justices present, provided there be one or more from each
24 levy court jurisdiction in the majority, may agree upon ; which sums
25 so determined shall be accordingly assessed and levied by the seve-
26 ral levy courts within their respective limits, and paid forthwith to
27 the clerk of their court, unless the said sums be voluntarily paid
28 by the corporations or others, in which case there shall be no levy :
29 and in case of failure or neglect in the separate levy courts or any
30 of them, to levy and pay as herein directed, but in no other case,
31 the general levy court shall appoint a collector, who shall have the
32 same powers, perform the same duties, and receive the same fees
33 and emoluments in proportion, as the other collectors.

1 Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the
2 several justices of the peace of the city of Washington, of George-
3 town, and of the country part of the county of Washington, to ask
4 and receive for services performed by them, any where within the
5 county, the fees allowed for similar services by the law of Maryland,
6 intituled “An act for the better administration of justice in the several
7 counties of this state,” passed in the year 1796, any thing contained in
8 the eighth section of the act of Congress, intituled “An act addi-
9 tional to and amendatory of an act, intituled “An act concerning the
10 district of Columbia,” or elsewhere, to the contrary notwithstand-
11 ing.